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Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) of South Niagara board member Stephen Passero, Sereena Schuchard, Larry Carroll, and BBBS volunteer Ashley Dunseith are getting ready for this year's Bowl for Kids Sake campaign, running from March 6 to 11. For story please see page 5.



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Message of peace amid local fear

Niagara reacts to deadly shootings at Quebec mosque, U.S. restrictions on Muslim travels

BILL SAWCHUK
POSTMEDIA NETWORK

Mohamad Al Jamaly was back on the corner Monday morning.

With a flag draped across his back and holding a home-made sign that said "Canadians Stand Together," he gave a friendly wave to passers-by as he stood near Geneva and Scott streets in St. Catharines.

The Quebec City mosque massacre Sunday which left six men dead between the ages of 35 and 60 brought him back.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has called the tragedy an act of terrorism. For Al Jamaly it was another call to action.

"I am trying to be a Canadian and a progressive Muslim," said Al Jamaly, a 22-year-old St. Catharines resident. "From my point of view, this is active citizenship. I don't believe there are differences between us as humans."

"I fear something like this happening in our region, but I put my trust in a merciful God and on the good intentions of true Canadians."

Monday was the third time Al Jamaly has taken his one-man consciousness-raising effort and message of togetherness to the street.

The first time was in November 2015 after an extremist attack in Paris left 130 people dead and another 368 injured. In June 2016 he was back after a 29-year-old security guard killed 49 people and wounded 53 others in a terrorist attack/hate crime inside Pulse, a gay nightclub in Orlando, Fla.

The Niagara College student said she wants to challenge some people's perspectives on how they view Muslims.

Monday, drivers honked their horns in support as he shuffled from foot to foot to stay warm. One woman slowed down and waved. A pedestrian asked if she could take his photo. She said she wanted to share it with her kids.

Al Jamaly, a member of the Masjid An-Noor Mosque on Geneva Street, said it had been going on like that all day.

However, he agreed it probably won't be the last time he feels the urge to return to the corner, sign and flag in hand.

"It's really sad," he said. "I feel a burden as a Muslim. I want to represent myself and have people see me as a law-abiding Canadian citizen and a Muslim."

"I hope people come to realize that not all Muslims are terrorists."

"If we see any suspicious activities in our place of worship, we take action immediately. We won't allow anything that is dangerous or uncertain. We don't want it to hurt us, or our fellow Canadians and our neighbours in the community. We care."

Regional Chairman Alan Caslin ordered the Canadian flag at the entrance to regional headquarters lowered to half-staff Monday to pay respect to the Quebec City mosque victims and their families.

"In Niagara, our community and our workplace are stronger because of our diversity," Caslin said. "Niagara Region is a unified community of communities with diverse opportunities and qualities — and together we strive for a better tomorrow."

Brock University issued a statement of grief and solidarity with Muslims, in which interim president Tom Traves called the massacre at the Centre Culturel Islamique de Quebec "an affront to every Canadian."

"Brock will not tolerate Islamophobia, and we are committed to supporting Brock community members who may experience anxiety or harassment as a result of these current events," he said.

Jeff Burch, executive director of the Niagara Folk Arts Centre, called on residents to speak out and fight against Islamophobia, anti-black racism and xenophobia.

"Over the last 18 months, Niagara has welcomed over 120 Syrian refugee families in addition to dozens of refugee families from other parts of the world, most through the private sponsorship system. These families are working hard to become productive members of our community and Niagara has welcomed them with open arms," Burch said.

But what's happening south of the border, including the detention of Muslims at U.S. airports, is doing harm, Al Jamaly said.

U.S. President Donald Trump has barred citizens of seven Muslim-majority countries from entering the United States for the next 90 days and suspended the admission of all refugees for 120 days.

Brock officials said they will hold a private forum today to support Muslim students and faculty from countries whose residents have been banned. The university has about 70 students from countries affected by the ban — Iran, Iraq, Libya, Syria, Sudan, Somalia and Yemen — with several more expected to arrive in the spring, as are two visiting scholars from Iran.

Mohsin Hamdani said he felt safe during his vacation in Florida. People there were too busy sun-bathing to worry about his religion or the political climate in the country.

But having returned to St. Catharines Sunday night and subsequently learning of the Quebec tragedy, he isn't feeling as secure at home as he once did.

"I said, 'Oh my God. There we go again,'" he said as he stood Monday in the foyer of the Masjid An-Noor mosque — a building at 117 Geneva St. that he helped his father build in the early 1990s.

"That's why I'm here," he said. "I just came to inspect, and make sure everything is OK. The doors were closed and everything was fine."

It was. But the mosque that serves Muslims throughout Niagara has been the target of racial and ethnic hatred in the past. After the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, he said, someone tried to set it on fire.

"The whole place was black smoke," he recalled. "It's a holy place. Who would do that, walking into the Lord's house? Where's the humanity... It's just sad."

Hamdani said anti-Muslim rhetoric that has been prevalent recently in the United States is contributing to problems Muslim people face.

Al Jamaly said words matter, and hateful speeches have consequences.

"What is happening in the United States does not have a place here in Canada," said Al Jamaly, a Canadian citizen who immigrated from Iraq about 10 years ago.

Rana Bhara said she still feels safe at the Welland home she shares with her husband, Antoun, and their two children, despite what happened in Quebec.

"It's so sad. The terrorism is around the world," she said. "I hope it will be the last one."

With the help of parishioners from St. Kevin church, the family arrived in Canada last August after fleeing their home in Syria. The children are doing well in their new school, while the parents attend English as a second language courses.

"We feel we really found a safe place here, and we're thankful for this," she said.

"Canada is a beautiful country and the people are so



JULIE JOCUM/ST. CATHARINES SYRIAN

Mohamad Al Jamaly holds a sign that reads "Canadians Stand Together" following the shooting at a Quebec City mosque on Sunday. Al Jamaly was standing at the corner of Geneva Street and Scott Street on Monday, January 30, 2017.

peaceful. It was a shock for us to hear about this," she said of Sunday night's shootings.

Although her family chose to come to Canada, Bhara said they have relatives who instead travelled into the U.S. to escape the war in Syria. And she's worried about him.

She said "it was a crazy decision" in the U.S. to discriminate against people "because of their nationality or their religion, or their skin colour."

"You have one hand, and in your hand you have different fingers. You cannot say that all your fingers are the same. Even a toddler will say, 'No, my fingers are not the same.'"

Hamdani shared a similar sentiment.

"There's the saying: don't judge a book by its cover," he said.

"But that's what's happening."

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KRIS DUDE
Special to the Times

Council and staff have set their 2017 spending plan, resulting in a 2.8 per cent increase for local homeowners when combined with regional and school board taxes.

The Town of Fort Erie's portion reflects a 5.8 per cent hike since last year.

Some of the highlights in the \$24-million general levy budget include a \$500,000 contribution to capital reserves to address infrastructure needs, an additional \$400,000 to combat the emerald ash borer, \$480,000 for road resurfacing, \$78,000 on transit improvements, \$100,000 toward development of the coal docks property in Bridgeburg, along

with other projects.

Mayor Wayne Redekop said it is the municipality's objective to focus on narrowing the infrastructure gap.

"As we head into challenging times, Fort Erie is committed to providing valuable services and programs to our residents and making strategic investments for the future prosperity of our community while striving to restrain overall levy increases."

Budget committee chair and Ward 6 Coun. Chris Knutt said in the third year of the Town's strategic plan, council is making investments to shape the future of the community.

"Despite increasing funding pressures, we have sustained investments to support our priorities such as increasing our roads resur-

facing funding from \$400,000 in 2013 to \$1.58 million in the 2017 budget. We thank those who took part in the consultation process for their contributions in helping us to achieve this goal," he said.

Town treasurer Jonathan Janzen said there were "significant challenges" in this year's budget due to MPAC reassessments and a "shift in income" to residential properties.

"This was offset by increases in development related revenues and by using reserves to mitigate the impacts of supplementary initiatives that council supported to further the 2015-2018 strategic plan," he added.

Council will consider adopting the budget through bylaw in late February.

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Fort Erie's Spencer MacKenzie has won a national blues award for new artist or group of the year. Postmedia Network file photo

Ridgeway teen takes home blues newcomer award

JOHN LAW
Postmedia Network

Ridgeway musician Spencer MacKenzie celebrated the best way he knew how after winning a national award Monday night: He took Tuesday off school.

Monday night, the 17-year-old guitar wiz won New Artist/Group of the Year at the 20th annual Maple Blues Awards in Toronto. The next day, he took a day to himself to digest it all.

"I was glad just to be a part of it, really," he said Wednesday. "Just to be in the category with all those other artists. It was really cool."

The accolades have been rolling in for the Ridgeway-Crystal Beach

High School student since he won the Rising Star Award at the 2013 Niagara Music Awards. He has since earned praise from Texas blues great Chris Duarte ("Spencer is the new Canadian lion"), won the 2016 Toronto Blues Society Talent Search, and performed throughout southern Ontario.

He released his debut album last year, *Infected With the Blues*. "He's got the smarts and knowledge to mix Dylan with Memphis Minnie next to his originals," said the Midwest Record website.

Prior to the awards, he got to meet "some amazing players," and ended up accepting the BB King International Artist of the Year Award Monday

for one of his heroes, Joe Bonamassa. He also presented the Harmonica Player of the Year Award, won by Harpdog Brown.

Another happy summer beckons after playing the Kitchener Blues Festival, West Coast Blues Festival and Canal Bank Shuffle recently.

The more he plays, he's finding out, the less people have doubts about a teenager playing the blues.

Although he's "never really thought about it that way," he said.

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Bowl for Kids Sake coming up at Carroll's

KRIS DUKE

Special to the Times

An annual tradition at one of Fort Erie's historic sporting venues is gearing up for action.

Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) of South Niagara's Tim Hortons Bowl for Kids Sake will once again take place at Carroll's Bowling Lanes from Mar. 6 to 11, a key fundraiser for the agency and its traditional matching program, as well as in-school leadership-based mentoring programs.

The event is a fundraising campaign where teams of four to six bowlers raise a minimum of \$200 per team to participate in a fun-filled afternoon or evening of bowl-

ing, prize draws, "and a lot of laughs - all to support a great cause and contribute to the betterment of youth in our community," says Stephen Passero, board member of BBBS South Niagara.

This year's theme is Canada 150, and participants are encouraged to dress the part and show their national pride.

The fundraising goal for 2017 is \$45,000, which equates to 25 per cent of the agency's annual budget.

Passero is looking for companies or groups of friends to come forward to take part in this worthwhile event.

"Support and financial contributions have been tremendous in years past and I am

hoping that will continue; this organization really does make a difference in children's lives," he said.

He points out that the support received from the Siron family and their Tim Horton's staff has been exceptional, and the leagues at Carroll's have also been "amazing contributors" to the cause every year.

"Truly a community effort, we can't thank people enough who choose to donate their time and raise funds with us," he said.

Those interested in becoming an event sponsor, or registering a team can contact Passero directly at spassero@forterie.ca, or call the BBBS office at 905-871-8836, ext. 221.

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Point of View

Mosque shooting calls for solidarity

A stunned Quebec is in mourning. Flags are at half mast, vigils are being held, and expressions of solidarity with the Muslim community are flowing in from all quarters.

Sunday night's outrageous, murderous attack on innocent worshippers, which has taken at least six lives, seriously injured several more people and left many children fatherless, is getting the vehement condemnation it deserves.

Ordinary Quebecers of all faiths and none have recoiled at the violence and its heartbreaking toll.

In the wake of the attack, many questions have yet to be answered. But what is already far too clear is that innocent people were killed simply for who they were: Muslims. This massacre, all the more offensive because it targeted a house of prayer, by all appearances was a hate crime.

It was as pointless as it was tragic. What warped objectives did the gunman or gunmen think they were going to achieve?

Was the aim to drive Muslims from Quebec? Was it to stoke divisions within Quebec society? Was it nothing more complicated than an expression of hatred pure and simple?

It's disconcerting to think that disconcerting to think that disconcerting painting Muslims as people to be feared might have been one of the factors behind this attack. There has been far too much

dog whistle politics in recent years, both in Quebec and by those who made nighans an issue in the last federal election. If so, that would be a particularly bitter irony. Assault weapons are not to be found under burkas, it seems, but in the hands of those who would do innocent Muslims harm. Who has reason to fear whom?

Was the attack influenced by the current discourse south of the border? Was it merely a coincidence that it was committed the same weekend that U.S. President Donald Trump enacted entry prohibitions on citizens of seven majority-Muslim countries? The president's defenders were quick to say this was not a "Muslim ban," and that citizens of many other Muslim countries were not affected, but in the context of Trump's statements on the campaign trail, it would be hard to see it otherwise.

Or were there other twisted motives?

Regardless of what motives may have been at play, however, the attack on innocent worshippers was an attack on all of us. And therefore it is incumbent on all to show solidarity in the face of this horror. In due course, the accused will have to answer in court. In the meantime, the unity of our condemnation must be the only response to these repugnant actions.

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Do you remember?



Last week's photo was of Eric Cornell, the owner of Cornell's Drug Store, formerly located on Jarvis Street just west of Central Ave. It is believed the picture was taken between 1963 and 1965. Eric Cornell had been an apprentice with the previous owner of the drug store, Mr. Land, and took over its management around 1928. When he retired in 1976 the business closed and the building was sold to the Town. A second hand treasures shop now resides in its place opposite the Masonic Hall. Oscar Zanatta remembers that prescriptions would be made up by hand, while you waited. Charles Davies, who wrote an article about Cornell, referenced the record player in the shop. Many callers mentioned the soda counter and enjoying treats with their friends. All who contacted us spoke very highly of Mr. Cornell and commended his work in the community. One fact that some might recall is that his was the only store in the area able to sell Laura Secord Chocolate. Thank you to all who reached out: Mike Davenport, Deanna Di Martile, Marguerite Hanratty, Marilyn Bennett (Comb), Dr. Bob Twidle - who worked closely with the pharmacist: Ron Cudney and a number of anonymous contributors. Thank you also to Faye Bean, Mr. Cornell's youngest daughter, who provided some of her own memories of her father's store. Due to the volume of response, not everything was able to be printed, however the information you provided will be kept and added to our records.

Now on to this week's image: a photo of a prospective goalie. The name of this young hockey player as well as the year and location are unknown. If you think you might know who this is please contact the Museum at 905-894-5322 or send us an e-mail - museum@forterietimes.ca.



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The Skydiggers Trio will present an acoustic performance at The Sanctuary Feb. 24.

Sanctuary has busy winter line-up in art and music

NADINE FOERSTERBERG
The Sanctuary

Happy February to all of you. Are you enjoying the comfort of an almost snow free winter? I for one love being able to move around and get in the car without having to clean winter's icy breath off the windshields. That is for sure.

As the new year progresses, the fabulous classes we are so lucky to have at The Sanctuary return with new vigour. Allow me now to tell you what is happening at The Sanctuary this month.

Do you encourage your children to act out - on stage that is? Then the classes offered by Down the Rabbit Hole Theatre Company might be just the thing. Classes start on Monday, Feb. 27 and run

for 10 weeks. The young actors get to show off their skills in front of family and friends in a play developed by the theatre company. The Kidlet class (ages four to six) is scheduled from 4 p.m. to 4:45 p.m., followed by the Mezzo class (ages seven to nine) from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., Blacklight and Movement (seven-plus) from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., finishing with the Majors class (10-plus) from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. The participation in one class costs \$125. For more information about the classes, registration and more visit www.downtherabbitholetheatreco.com.

The new Kidoodle Kids Art Class will go in session on Tuesday, February 28, from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. The six-week class will cost \$75 with all materials included. If your lit-

tle artist is six to 12 years old, he'll love this class. You will get countless beautiful art pieces to spruce up your home and enjoy for years to come. Please email foerclasses@gmail.com for more info and to register. Members of the Fort Erie Arts Council receive a 10% discount.

We are happy to welcome the Skydiggers back to the Sanctuary on Feb. 24. If you like this iconic Canadian band, you'll fall in love all over again with the Skydiggers Trio acoustic performance. Doors open at 8 p.m., show starts at 9 p.m. Tickets to this seated show are available on www.ticketse.ca and at Brimstone Brewing Company.

The band was originally formed by singer Andy Maize and lead guitarist Josh Finlayson. The duo called themselves West Montrose. Adding rhythm guitarist Peter

Cash, drummer Wayne Stokes and bassist Ron Macey to their lineup, the band decided to change their name to Skydiggers. In the beginning of their career they played regularly at the Acoustic Meltdown, a weekly concert series at Toronto's Spadina Hotel organized by singer-songwriter Andrew Cash.

The Skydiggers released their latest album "Here Without You - The Songs of Gene Clark" in March of 2016 celebrating one of the most influential songwriters and co-founders of The Byrds, Gene Clark. According to the band the album "is our attempt to capture the essence of our roots as distilled through Gene Clark's songs."

On Jan. 1, Skydiggers were part of CBC's The Strimbo Show's Hip 30 where Canadian bands covered songs from the Tragically Hip to

celebrate the Hip's 30th anniversary.

St. Catharines-based singer-song writer Mel Monaco is performing on Feb. 3 on our cozy Brimstone Stage. Give this lovely and talented lady a warm welcome. Show starts at 7 p.m. Admission is free.

Chris Saylor is playing our little stage in the Tap Room a visit on Feb. 11 to entertain you with a medley of favourites for you to enjoy. Music starts at 7 p.m., admission is free. And we'll have a cold one waiting for you. Promise.

For more information about what is going in at The Sanctuary - Centre for the Arts visit www.thesanctuaryarts.org or like us on Facebook. If you'd like to know what is happening at Brimstone Brewing Company, please check out www.brimstonebrewing.ca.



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Scott Maskell of Erion Insurance, on behalf of the Gore Mutual Insurance Foundation, hands over a cheque for \$5,000 to Community Living Fort Erie executive director Maureen Brown.

Community Living receives donation for van

KRIS DUBE
Special to the Times

accessible van.
The Gore Mutual Insurance Foundation donated \$5,000 towards the vehicle, which has an estimated cost of \$52,000.

Community Living Fort Erie received a generous donation last week toward the final cost of a new wheelchair-

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Health Corner

Protect your child's teeth with Sealants.

Here are the most frequently asked questions regarding Sealants

What are dental sealants?

- Dental Sealants are thin plastic coatings that are put onto the chewing surfaces of the back teeth.
- Sealants are painted on the top of the back teeth and harden to form a shield over the tooth.

Why should my child get sealants?

- As the back teeth grow, pits and grooves form on the top of the teeth. Food and germs get caught in the grooves and cause the teeth to get cavities.
- Brushing teeth does not remove all the food and germs stuck in the grooves.
- Dental sealants fill in the grooves and help the teeth stay clean.

When should my child get sealants?

- When your child starts to get their first molars (back teeth) at about the age of 6 or 7. Apply them again around the age of 11 to the second

molars when they come in.
Does it hurt to have sealants put on teeth?

- No. Getting sealants is painless. No drilling or shots are used. Sealants take



Dr. John Inigo

about five minutes per tooth. As soon as they dry, normal activities are fine.

How long will sealants last?

- Sealants can last up to 5 – 10 years or longer if teeth are properly cared for.

How do dental sealants prevent cavities?

- Dental sealants fill the

pits and grooves on the teeth. Teeth are easier to keep clean because food is brushed away easier with a toothbrush.

How much do sealants cost?
• Usually a sealant costs less than filling a tooth that has a cavity. Most insurance companies cover sealants if brushing still important when teeth have sealants on them?

- Yes. Brush and floss every day! You still have to work on keeping your teeth and gums clean and healthy.

So there you go. Ask your dentist for sealants to prevent your child's teeth.

Dr. John Inigo is a practicing general dentist in Fort Erie and Ridgeway, Ontario. He can be reached at Inigo Bertie Dentistry, 905.871.2903 or Inigo Ridgeway Dentistry, 905.894.5555. For further information and discussion, please visit his office at www.inigodentistry.com.

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New vehicle will remove barriers to inclusion

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The foundation's goal is to strengthen Canadian communities by supporting local initiatives in the areas served by their insurance company and with the support and

endorsement of Erion Insurance, a proposal was submitted and approved.

Community Living Fort Erie fundraised in 2016 to purchase a new vehicle.

The non-profit organization's Christmas in Mexico

event late last year raised about \$38,000.

Having a vehicle available to the people they support would help their organization to remove barriers to participation for people with intellectual challenges, says

Community Living.

"Our staff and volunteers are trained on facilitating community inclusion and building social capacity for the people we support. We require assistance with the purchase of a vehicle to

allow our staff to successfully utilize these skills in our community," says executive director Maureen Brown.

"One of the greatest barriers to inclusion is transportation. The purchase of a new vehicle is essential to ensure we continue to be an effective provider of services to the people we support," she added.

Community Living Fort Erie would like to extend a sincere thank you to Gore Mutual Foundation for their generous donation.

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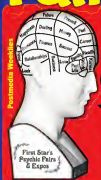
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Message to students: Think before you ink

KRIS DUBE
Special to the Times

Tattoos are increasing rapidly in popularity and today's youth need to be careful when considering making such a permanent life decision, says the medical direc-

tor at Niagara Addiction Services.

Dr. Craig Kuhn, a Ridgeway resident, is also the founder of 'Think Before You Ink', an educational program geared toward middle school students.

On Monday, Kuhn and his

team provided their educational yet entertaining presentation at John Brant Public School.

For the last eight years, they have presented in over 70 schools as well as at various medical conferences.

The show, much of it

involving live music, teaches the importance of knowing the historical and cultural origins of tattoos, public health risks, along with steps people should take when considering body art.

In his career as an addiction physician, Dr. Kuhn says many of his patients have been tattooed in non-sterile environments, a practice he says is very unhygienic and needs to be stopped.

Visiting with students at the new public school in Ridgeway earlier this week, Kuhn said before the show

that one of the main messages delivered by his four-person team is that young people should be prepared before going under the needle.

"When and if the time comes, when they're ready, hopefully they have it done properly," he said.

A pressing issue surrounding tattoos in Ontario is the lack of an age of consent, something that has been established in most of the U.S.

"It's important to have that because impulsivity is huge

with young people. I'm not judging – that's just the way it is," he said, also stressing the program's mandate isn't to dissuade youngsters from tattoos – but to emphasize the importance of health and other long-term factors associated with them.

Dr. Kuhn said he is thankful for the sponsorship provided by Baggio and Edwards Ridgeway IDA Pharmacy.

"They've been a great community support for us."

Niagara Addiction Services is located in Fort Erie and Port Colborne.

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BY-LAW TO ADOPT 2017 GENERAL LEVY OPERATING AND GENERAL CAPITAL BUDGET

TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to the Town of Fort Erie Public Notice Policy By-law No. 206-07 the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie intends to consider a by-law at its meeting of **Monday, February 13, 2017** to adopt the 2017 General Levy Operating and General Capital Budget.

For more information please go to the Town's website at www.forterie.ca under Government and Budgets & Finances. Further enquiries should be directed to Jonathan Janzen, Director, Corporate Services at 905-871-1600 ext. 2300 (jjanzen@forterie.ca).

Any person interested in appearing before Council as a delegation at the aforesaid Council Meeting to address the proposed by-law must register with the Clerk's Office by **3:00 p.m. Thursday, February 9, 2017** (905-871-1600 ext. 2236/2212).

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KRIS DUBE/SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Dr. Craig Kuhn, back left, Ally Kells, Paul Weaver and Wes Stickland from Think Before You Ink, with John Brant Public School students Meredith Hillmeyer, Bethany Neubauer and Morgan Hoover, all of whom participated in Monday's presentation.


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Basement Rockers display 'exceptionalities' at the Sanctuary

The Basement Rockers are ready to shake the building to its foundation at their third annual rock show at The Sanctuary for the Arts tomorrow evening at 7 p.m.

The Basement Rockers are a group of young adults with exceptionalities who love to rock. Band members are Nathan Kacur, who plays guitar and cello with assistive technology he masterfully controls with his right foot; Abby Barnhart, and her sultry, rocking lead vocals, Andrew Nugteren, slick and polished vocalist and multi-

instrumentalist; and Evan Fiorella, tambourine and crotales specialist. Steven Baczynski accompanies on various instruments and new member Loretta Pivetta adds to the group with her wonderful vocals. Joey Neuman as always keeps it all together on the drums.

The band formed three years ago and through weekly practices (in the Ridgeway basement of one member) has refined its unique style and sound from hard charging rock to smooth blues and everything in between.

Backup support is provided by music therapists Mallory Warkentin and Laura Belet of Major Progressions Music Therapy and Alejandro Del Fino on electric guitar.

The Basement Rockers are affiliated with TASC (Therapy and Alternatives for Special Children and Adults with disabilities), a non-profit organization based in Ridgeway which has been creating and offering innovative recreational and therapeutic opportunities for individuals with special needs since 1998.



A group of young adults who like to rock will perform at the Sanctuary Friday, Feb. 3 at 7 p.m.

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Monday, the 20th day of February 2017, at 7 p.m., for the purposes of

- Considering the financial statements of the Corporation for the financial year that ended September 30, 2016;
- Electing the Board of Directors of the Corporation; and
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There have been some facelifts already this year. New lighting in the event space and main entrance, a cozy fireplace in the lower lounge area make the Bell Tower an even more inviting space.

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Local artist Reynaldo Baecher will have his work on display all of February at the Hall Gallery in Lakeside Books in Ridgeway.

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Award-winning artist specializing in pastels at the Hall Gallery

KRIS DUBE
Special to the Times

Reynaldo Baecher is a fixture in the local arts community and for the month of February, he will be showcasing his work at the Hall Gallery inside Lakeside Books in Ridgeway.

The award-winning artist has spent more than four

decades at the easel experimenting with a variety of mediums like pencil, oil, watercolours and pastel.

His current fascination is with pastels and the play of light and glass, shown in several of the pieces he will have on display at the bookstore on Ridge Road.

"Pastel is really vibrant when it comes to colour,"

said the 68-year-old.

"I also like it because you don't have to wash the brushes," he joked.

Baecher purchases many of his glassware subjects at weekend garage sales or at different thrift stores around Niagara.

His love of art began in 1972 when he signed up for art classes while living in

Florida, and decades later, he's still at it.

On Sunday, an open house will be held at Lakeside Books from 1 to 4 p.m., kicking off Baecher's month-long exhibit.

He just finished showcasing his work at the Fort Erie Public Library's centennial branch as well.

"It's nice to display locally,"

he said.

Painting is something he loves and must do, he added.

"It is what keeps me going. It lifts me up - almost like a therapy."

His goal is to delight the eyes of his viewers and allow them to engage with and discover the interesting images and patterns in

his work.

"Painting glass is challenging and perhaps that is also why I love doing it."

Lakeside Books is located at 341 Ridge Rd. N. You can visit Baecher's website at www.reybaecher.com or send him an email at reybae@cogeco.ca.





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Bid committee ready to go

Niagara's proposal for 2021 will be sent to Canada Games Council Monday

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It's an odometer sold as sport. If you want to succeed, you better want to move than the next competitor — and you better be ready to work for it.

Niagara's Canada Summer Games bid committee has taken that advice to heart.

They are competing against three other Ontario regions — Ottawa, Sudbury and Kitchener-Waterloo-Cambridge — for the games in 2021, and if the bid isn't successful, it won't be because Niagara left any stone unturned.

The effort has involved the labour of six different committees and countless consultations. In terms of hours worked, the ledger runs well into the thousands. All of it has been boiled down into a 100-page bid proposal that will be submitted Monday.

The Canada Games Council makes its decision at the end of March.

The next significant milestone

on the calendar for the Niagara bid committee is March 1 when the games council makes its official visit.

"They will tell us if there is anything they would like to see," said Doug Hamilton, chair of the local bid committee. "They have already told us they want to see the athlete's village, so we will take them to Brock University."

"For us, the day will be all about presenting our information and doing it in a way that shows community engagement and community support."

A successful bid would bring 4,800 athletes to Niagara for competition. They would compete in 17 events over 18 days and attract between 20,000 to 30,000 visitors to the area.

The opening ceremonies would be held at Meridian Centre in St. Catharines.

Hamilton said events would take place in all 12 Niagara municipalities — either in the form of competition or training and practice.

Part of the planning also includes a cultural component.

"One example of the cultural engagement is what we call the 13-for-13 Program," Hamilton said. "We would match each of our 12 local municipalities, as well as the Region, with the 13



Alan Caslin

provinces and territories for hosting and cultural events.

"There are some obvious connections. For instance, Welland, with its francophone population, is a natural match for Quebec."

Niagara's Regional Chair Alan Caslin has lent his support. He is urging residents to get involved in the effort.

"I consider this to be a great opportunity for Niagara," Caslin said at last week's regional council meeting. "We are competing against other communities in Ontario... and we want to see all of Niagara pulling in the same direction and putting forward the same message."

The funding is falling into place. The provincial, federal and regional levels of government have pledged more than \$30 million combined if the bid is successful. That's in addition to \$3 million from the Canada Games Council that flows to the host community.

All told, Niagara's bid committee has banked more than \$40 million in what it calls "committed support."

Regional council voted 27-1 in favour of its portion of the funding. The lone voice of dissent was from St. Catharines Coun. Andy Petrowski, who demanded a recorded vote.

After the meeting, Petrowski said he is a strong supporter of athletics — especially when it comes to providing a variety of opportunities to keep Niagara's young people physically active. However, the notion of "wasting" at least \$10 million of taxpayer money on a one-time, three-week event is "ridiculous." "The region is over half a billion in debt and facing another billion in crumbling infrastructure bills," he said. "That's not to mention the region is unable to respond to a 10,000 person waiting list for affordable housing as well as a massive mental health and drug crisis. I haven't heard from one taxpayer who wants to build a multimillion-dollar track-and-field palace. Let the private sector and Niagara's sports elitists pay for this."

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 Feb 8, 7:00 pm, Crystal Ridge
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 Feb 7, 14, 21, 28, 6:30 pm, Centennial
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 Feb 22, 7:30 pm Crystal Ridge
 Katelyn Owens, who came from what is now Zimbabwe, will talk about his homeland, and what the travel experience has been like for him. A Passages Canada presentation.

WINTER GARDENING CLASSES
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 Feb 4, 10:30 am, Crystal Ridge.
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 Feb 6, 27, 8:30 pm Centennial.
 Ages 7 - 12. Pre-registered. \$5 for unlimited sessions.
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 Feb 1, 8, 15, 22, 10:30 am, Crystal Ridge
 Feb 7, 21, 10:30 am, Centennial
 Reading, singing, crafts and other ready-to-read skills. For parents with children 1½ yrs and up.

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 Feb 10, 3:45 pm, Centennial.
 Ages 7 - 12. Pre-registered. \$3.
 Learn basic chords and patterns with library-provided ukuleles.

FAMILY TIME
 Feb 14, 28, 10:30 am, Centennial.
 Interactive fun story adventure, with the Parenting and Family Literacy Centre. All ages.

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 Feb 15, 6:00 pm, Stewiessville
 Evening storytime and craft for all ages. Come in pajamas; bring your stuffie friend.

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 Every school day, beginning at 3:30 pm, Centennial, Crystal Ridge options by arrangement.
 Kindergarten through Grade 8 explore STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, music, math) with fun activities. Volunteer tutors guide students down homework. Snack provided.

FOR TEENS
ANTI-VALENTINE PARTY
 Feb 10, 6:30 pm, Centennial, grades 7 - 12.
 We'll make anti-Valentine's day cards, play games, eat snacks, use the photobooth—no cringeworthy love-dreary stuff!

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QUEEN OF KATIE
 Feb 26, 8:30 pm, Centennial
 Disney family film about a girl whose path out of poverty is across a chessboard.

THE CAT ON THE HAT
 Feb 7, 20:30 pm, Crystal Ridge
 Suspense drama based on Paula Hawkins' bestselling book.

INSIDE OUT
 Feb 11, 2:30 pm, Centennial
 Joy, Fear, Anger, Disgust and Sadness help young Riley adjust to a new town and school in this Disney film.

LIVING
 Feb 10, 6:30 pm, Centennial
 The true story of Richard and Mildred Loving, an interracial couple, whose challenge of their anti-miscegenation arrest for their marriage in Virginia led to a legal battle that would end at the US Supreme Court.

LIGHT BETWEEN OCEANS
 Feb 21, 2:30 pm, Crystal Ridge
 A lightkeeper keeper and his wife living off the coast of Western Australia raise a baby they rescue from a drifting rowing boat based on the novel by M.L. Stedman.

ZOOTRONIA
 Feb 25, 2:30 pm, Crystal Ridge
 A city of anthropomorphic animals, a rookie bunny cop and a cynical con artist team up to work together to uncover a conspiracy. Disney.

Athletes support bid

Not surprisingly, some of Niagara's most accomplished coaches and amateur athletes have lent support to the Canada Summer Games 2021 bid. Here is what they have to say.

Mike Strango, a three-time Olympic boxer and Canada's Boxer of the Year in 1996:

"From an athlete's perspective, the Canada Summer Games are a very important part of the dream of all young athletes to make the Olympic Games. I had the chance to go to the 1987 Canada Games in Cape Breton and it was the first time that I had experienced a big multi-sport event. It was a major starting point in being able to get that big-Games feel that every athlete has to experience to go onto bigger Games like the Commonwealth, Pan Am's and of course the Olympic Games. It would also be huge for all of Niagara."

Lynn Hamilton, an Olympic basketball player and a member of the St. Catharines Sports Hall of Fame (and also the mother of former IceDogs Dougie and Freddie Hamilton):

"I am incredibly excited about the opportunity for Niagara

to host the Canada Summer Games. The Games are a wonderful event and would leave valuable programs and facilities for all of Niagara. Those legacy programs and facilities would be great for our kids and everyone else in the community."

Michelle Prince, the winner of Row Ontario Athlete of the Year and a gold medalist at Henley Regatta:

"I am a rower and a mother. As an athlete, I strive for excellence. As a mother, I nurture it. The Canada Summer Games in Niagara would perpetuate excellence for this and future generations. That is why I am in full support."

Chris Critelli, an Olympic basketball player and the assistant athletic director at Brock University:

"Bringing the Canada Summer Games to Niagara is like sharing an Olympic experience with all of Niagara. The sport and cultural experiences that the Canada Games brings to a host community are educational, electric and economically huge. The legacy it leaves behind in infrastructure, role models and opportunities will make Niagara better."

Ally Fast, a recent Brock University graduate and accomplished volleyball player:

"I want the Canada Games to come to Niagara because it benefits both the Niagara community and all the visitors and athletes coming for the Games. It's a chance for the rest of the Country to see what an amazing community we have here, and conversely, Niagara residents would have access to the many legacy facilities and programs that would have been put in place as a result of the Games. Furthermore, once everyone sees what a great community this is, we will attract more events in the future. Everyone wins."

Richard DesChatelets, an Olympic wrestler and long-time wrestling coach at Brock University:

"I support wholeheartedly the bid to host the 2021 Canada Summer Games. If successful, these Games will leave a huge legacy in terms of new facilities, programs and support systems that will help our young athletes in years to come to strive to be the best they can be. Let's make a difference! Let's do all we can to win this bid!"

Bid committee ready to go

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Hamilton countered by saying the Canada Games Council has run financially successful events across Canada every two years for nearly 50 years. The funding model is a proven winner.

The economic benefit for Niagara is estimated to be in the \$200-million range using the Sport Tourism Economic Assessment Model, Hamilton said.

"I have seen plans for the last 12 games; none of them generated a deficit," Hamilton said. "Some have produced a surplus. There isn't a huge risk, and we have committed government support."

One of the big differences between an international event and a national youth event is the required level of security.

"In the Pan Am Games, the security budget was significant and run through the province. We have had a three assessment done. The security plan and its budget are now where near the same magnitude."

The bid committee's plan would

see about \$34 million go for the events themselves, including some new venues and improvements to existing facilities. It would all be finalized once the bid is successful.

The two big legacy projects would be new facilities in Thorold at Brock and in St. Catharines on Henley Island.

The facility on Brock property would be built across from regional headquarters on Merriville Highway. It would be a sport, health and wellness centre and include a high-performance training area with an accessible gymnasium. A wrestling and martial arts centre would occupy the second floor. The facility and its training areas would be available for use by other community and rehabilitation programs after the games end, Hamilton said.

Henley Island would be the site of a rowing training centre with weights, ergometers and rowing tanks. It's a building that has long been a part of the rowing community's wish list.

There could also be a new pool, potentially in Lincoln.

The improvements to existing venues include baseball fields in Niagara Falls, St. Catharines and Welland, the track at the former West Park Secondary School in west St. Catharines and the softball facility in Grimsby. Capital upgrades would be made in smaller venues as well such as a softball field in Wainfleet.

The committee is also in the process of ramping up its social media game.

The official social media hashtag is #NiagaraAreYouIn. There is a Twitter feed @Niagara2021 as well as a Facebook @Niagara2021 Facebook page and @Niagara2021 Instagram page.

"We really need the community's support on this, and there are a few ways they can do it," said Jeff Bava, a communications and digital co-ordinator with the public relations firm Enterprise Canada.

"We need community members to post photos and videos with their reasons why Niagara is an ideal host community and why they want to see the games here."

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Meteors win four of last six games



JOE BARR/SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Fort Erie Meteor Daylon Groulx finds the back of the net Saturday against the Welland Jr. Canadians.

KRIS DUDE
Special to the Times

Fort Erie Meteors head coach Todd Clayton likes the way his guys have been playing, especially in last Saturday's 7-3 win over the Welland Jr. Canadians.

The fourth in a row for his team, Clayton said it was one of their better efforts and an important win.

"All 20 players contributed to the victory, our penalty kill was excellent. It was a great team victory," he said.

The previous night, the Meteors squeaked out a 5-4 win over the Pelham Panthers, who will also visit the Leisureplex on Saturday, looking for redemption.

On Friday, the Meteors will visit the St. Catharines Falcons and hope to continue earning points in the standings.

The Meteors are three games below .500 with a 19-22 record but only trail Welland by two points.

Since the Christmas break, the Meteors have won six games and lost two.

Game time on Saturday is 7:15 p.m. at the Leisureplex.

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DATED at Fort Erie, the 27th day of January, 2017.

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D'UVA, Romeo -
The family of the late Romeo D'Uva would like to thank all of our family, friends and co-workers for all their love and support during this most difficult time. The beautiful flowers, cards, text messages, emails and donations to the Canadian Liver Foundation in Romeo's memory are very much appreciated. Thank you everyone who came to the funeral home, especially coaches and teammates of Joshua (Team Denmark and F.E. Bantam A.E. team). We would like to thank the GNGH staff, especially the compassionate doctors and nurses in the ICU Unit. Thank you to Rev. Canon Rob Hukmans of St. James & St. Brendan's Anglican Church for the beautiful service and music, my brother Mike Silber for your touching eulogy, and the pallbearers (Romeo's nephews) Michael, Kyle, Robert, Brandon, Nicholas, Jordan and Chris. Thank you to Ryan and the staff at Armstrong Funeral Home for all your guidance during this difficult time. Thank you also to the staff at the Ramada for the wonderful luncheon. Romeo would have been very happy to see how his life was celebrated and remembered with so much love and of course pizza. Although he is no longer here, he will be forever in our hearts. Sincerely, Christine, Chelsey and Joshua D'Uva and Dalia D'Uva.

In Memoriams

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In Loving Memory

McKINLEY, Glenn -

For those of you who have a husband
Love him while you may
For you'll never know the day
That he'll be called away

Love, Maxine

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BURNS, Sylvia -

Sylvia passed away peacefully on Friday, January 27th at the age of 95. Predeceased by her sister, Norma Dawdy. She will be greatly missed by her nephews Mark (Brian) Dawdy and Craig Dawdy, and niece Marilyn Dawdy. She will be remembered by her numerous great nieces and nephews. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Benner Ave., entrusted with private family arrangements. If so desired, donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family.

REEKS, Joyce -

Passed away on January 24, 2017 at Gilmore Lodge at the age of 87. Predeceased by her husband Frederick Reeks (2005). Loving mother to Linda Walters, Lynn Reeks, and Jon (Lance) Reeks. She will be missed by her many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. **Williams Funeral Services**, 722 Ridge Rd. North, Ridgeway, entrusted with arrangements. Visitation was held on Saturday, January 28 from 2-4pm. For those who wish, memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer Society.

BORGHESE, Raffaele -

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Raffaele (Ralph) Borghese on January 19, 2017, at the age of 92. Raffaele was born in 1924 in Collara, Cosenza, Italy. He was raised in the hills of Calabria and spent 12 years as a police officer with the Polizia di Stato before immigrating to Canada in 1961. After settling in Fort Erie, Ontario, Raffaele learned a new language and a trade while building a home for his family who joined him in 1954. Raffaele was employed as a welder at Horton Steel for 35 years. He loved the food of his native Italy, his homemade wine, and especially spending time with his family and many friends. Raffaele was predeceased by his father Santo, mother Teresa (née Carbone), and sister Ninetta Cozza. He is survived by his wife of 69 years, Maria Elena (née Guasardi); his son Louis; his daughter Teresa (Brent); his son Samir (Susan); his grandchildren John (Joanna), Mark (Lindsay), Hilary, and Katie; his great-grandchildren Kathryn, Madeline, and Oliver; and other relatives both in Canada and Italy. A private celebration of Raffaele's life will be held by immediate family.

Riposo in pace.

PORTOLESI, Maria Francesca (nee Cirillo) -

Maria Portolesi passed away at the Gilmore Lodge Home for the Aged on Saturday January 28th at the age of 98. Loving wife of the late Rocco. She leaves her loving children Angela Anderson, Russ (Joy Anne) Portolesi, Lisa (Aki) Hutchinson and Cathy Portolesi. Cherished Nani of Carole and Andrew Portolesi, Chris Anderson, Lisa (Garry) Anderson-LaFramme, Kristen (Phil) Hutchinson, Rocky, John, Dominic Jr. and MaryAnne. She will be sadly missed by her adoring great grandsons Raiden and Dawson who provided her with endless laughs, beautiful artwork and the hugs and kisses she so welcomed. Also survived by her many nieces and nephews and extended family. Predeceased by her son Dominic, son-in-law Mike Anderson and brother Joe Cirillo. The family extend their gratitude to the outstanding staff at Gilmore Lodge who provided such loving and personal care. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. The family will receive friends on Thursday, February 2nd from 2-4 and 7-9. Parish prayers to be offered at 3:30. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Michael's Church on Friday morning at noon. A reception will follow the interment at Greenwood Cemetery. If so desired, donations to the Gilmore Lodge Auxiliary would be appreciated by the family.



SCHIAVONE, Filomena -

Filomena passed away peacefully on January 25, 2017, at the Douglas Memorial Hospital at the age of 88 with her family at her side. She was predeceased by her husband Paolo and survived by her loving children, Rocco (Christine), Louis (Lisa), Anna, Phyllis and Carmela, her grandchildren, Paul, Patricia, Brogan, Ashley, Lucas, Nicholas, Martins, and Asha and her great grandchildren Hayden, Angelo, Glanna, Olivia, Isabella and Andre. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES** 1105 Benner Ave. Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. Family received friends on Friday January 27th from 6-9pm at Benner Funeral Services, Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Father Patrick B. St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church on Saturday January 28th at 10am. Interment followed at St. Joseph's Cemetery. If so desired, donations to the Palliative Care Unit at Douglas Memorial Hospital would be greatly appreciated by the family.

FISCHER, Marion -

Marion passed away peacefully on Tuesday, January 24th, 2017 at the age of 81. Beloved wife of the late Francis Joseph Fischer. Predeceased by her parents, Way and Irene Beaman, and son, Frank Fischer Jr. Loving mother of Terry (Randi) Reichelt, Joyce Kelsey, and Pat McNaughton (Jay). Grandmother of Austyn, Dustin, Kenny, Joyann, Jimmy, Katherine, Ed, Stephen and Dean. Great grandmother of Luna, Shyrann, and Blake. **WILLIAMS FUNERAL SERVICES**, 722 Ridge Road N., Ridgeway entrusted with arrangements. Interment will take place at Greenwood Cemetery on Thursday, February 2 at 12:00pm. If so desired, donations to the Diabetes Association would be appreciated by the family.

Remember
me with smiles
and laughter,
for that is how I
will remember
you all. If
you can only
remember
me with tears,
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- Laura Ingalls
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SAWCHUK, Walter - passed away peacefully January 23, 2017 at St. Catharines General Hospital. Loving father of sons Paul (Sarah) and Chris Sawchuk. He will be sadly missed by his siblings Martha (Frank), Susie (Pat), Mary and Olga. Predeceased by his brothers Nick (Alexandra) and William and parents Michael and Paraske Sawchuk. Mass will be held at St. Michael's Church on Saturday, February 4th at 11am in Dunnville with reception to follow. In lieu of flowers, a donation to the Canadian Cancer Society in Walter's name would be appreciated.

Prayers

Prayers

PRAYER to the Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit, you who make me see everything and who shows me the way to reach my ideal. You who give me the divine gift to forgive and forget the wrong that is done to me and you who are in all instances of my life with me. I, in this short dialogue, want to thank you for everything and confirm once more that I never want to be separated from you no matter how great the material desire may be. I want to be with you and my loved ones in your perpetual glory. Amen.
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